



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Karen M. SLIMAK et al

Group Art Unit: 1762

Serial No.: 09/927,062

Examiner: M. Barr

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For: PROCESS OF USING SODIUM SILICATE TO CREATE FIRE RETARDANT PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2002, the period for response being extended by the concurrently filed petition and fee therefor, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. A marked-up set of the claims is attached (ATTACHMENT I).

22. (Amended) A process for increasing fire resistance of a combustible material comprising:

contacting a porous combustible material with a soluble silicate solution under conditions so as to impregnate pores within the combustible material with said silicate solution;

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